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LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS, age 20, was interviewed outside the Second District of the New Orleans Police located at the corner of Magazine and Napoleon Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MARTENS gave his home address as 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, New Orleans, and advised that his mother, Mrs. E. C. MARTENS lived at 5516 Camp Street, New Orleans. He said he had lived at the 3330 Louisiana address which is the home of DAVID FERRIE since Sunday, November 17, 1963, after having been "kicked out" of his mother's residence. He also stated that ALVIN BEAUBOUEF had stayed at the FERRIE residence on Monday and Tuesday nights, November 18 and 19, 1963.

MARTENS said FERRIE was a family acquaintance and that he had known him for approximately five years and had known BEAUBOUEF about one year. He first became acquainted with FERRIE in 1958 in the Civil Air Patrol where he, MARTENS, was a cadet from August, 1958, to June, 1961, under the leadership of Captain FERRIE.

He said FERRIE is currently employed as a research librarian for G.WRAY GILL, a New Orleans Attorney and that he is also a psychologist.

When he was "kicked out" of his mother's place, FERRIE suggested that he come to live with him until he could find a place to live. MARTENS is currently employed as a Photostat Technician for the New Orleans Blueprint Company, 824 Union Avenue.

Through his association with FERRIE, he became associated with the Cuban Revolutionary Front on about April 17, 1961, until the latter part of August, 1961, when he left to go to college at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana. MARTENS' job with the organization was a voluntary one and he visited consulates and local businessmen to secure funds to finance the organization. He said it was run under the leadership of ARCACHA SMITH whom he described as the third ranking delegate in the Provisional Government of Cuba and that the organization was anti-CASTRO.

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The office was located on the second floor of the Balter Building located on Carondelet Street.

On August 29, 1961, he, along with FERRIE, MELVIN SEELING, age 24, whose mother lives in Gretna, Louisiana, and who is probably employed as an airport control tower operator in Corpus Christi, Texas, ANDREW BLACKSON, age 22, who was attending Perkinston Junior College in Mississippi, were arrested by the Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office and FERRIE was charged with Crime Against Nature and he, MARTENS, was charged with Vagrancy. MARTENS said they were released and does not believe anyone was convicted as a result of the charges made against them. Another member of the Cuban Revolutionary Front was LAWRENCE FOX, about 25 years of age, who had been born in a Latin Country, but lived in New Orleans for most of his life.

About 1:00 PM, November 24, 1963, G. WRAY GILL stopped at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, the residence of FERRIE and said he was looking for FERRIE, but MARTENS, who was home alone, said he was not in. GILL stated that he had gotten word that LEE OSWALD, when he was picked up, had been carrying a library card with DAVID FERRIE's name on it and that FERRIE should contact him, GILL, and he would represent him as his attorney. In addition, GILL said that JACK MARTIN, an ex-policeman and private detective in New Orleans, who MARTENS knows to be a personal enemy of FERRIE, had gone to the police and the FBI and said that FERRIE had stated in his, MARTENS' presence, that the President should be killed and outlined plans to this effect.

MARTENS said GILL was there approximately five to ten minutes and left.

At about 3:00 PM, on November 24, 1963, he received a call from FERRIE who said, after MARTIN had related the above information to him, that he had talked with GILL and there was nothing to worry about. MARTENS said he did not know if the call was local or long distance and that he made an inquiry concerning this and FERRIE replied something to the effect that it was none of his business. During the conversation, FERRIE stated that the name of OSWALD did not ring a bell with him and that he did not know him.

MARTENS said during his association with the Civil Air Patrol that, under the supervision of FERRIE, the group had built a telescope to be used for Astronomy, but that to his knowledge, FERRIE did not possess a telescope of his own. He said FERRIE owned a .38 caliber revolver and a short 30.06 caliber Mauser which had "peep" sights and no telescopic sights.

MARTENS said he knows FERRIE to be a great admirer of President KENNEDY and that he would classify him as a desegregationist.

In addition, MARTENS said he graduated in June, 1961, from Fortier High School located at the corner of Nashville and Freret, New Orleans, and had attended McMain Junior High School located at the corner of Nashville and Soth Claiborne, New Orleans.

MARTENS said LEE HARVEY OSWALD was unknown to him until the assassination of the President of the United States and that he has no knowledge which would shed any light concerning the assassination other than what he has read in the newspapers and heard through other news media.

To his knowledge there has been no association between FERRIE and OSWALD.

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